

**Amendment No. 5 to HB1827**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1968\***

**House Bill No. 1827**

by adding the following new sections immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-102, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

( ) "Driving safety document" means a certificate issued by the department to an individual who satisfies the requirements of § 55-50-321(c)(1)(D), which authorizes the individual to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of the state of Tennessee, but shall not authorize the operation of any motor vehicle outside the state of Tennessee. Such driving safety document shall be clearly distinguishable from a driver license and a temporary driver license and shall clearly display on its face a phrase substantially similar to

"FOR DRIVING PURPOSES ONLY – NOT VALID AS A FORM OF STATE OR  
FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION";

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-321(c)(1), is amended by adding the following language as new subdivision (D) and by designating the present language as new subdivision (E):

(D) Any applicant applying for a driving safety document, upon initial issuance or reinstatement shall provide an original or certified copy of a Form I-797 from the United States Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services establishing receipt of immigration petition and, if applicable, a Form W-7 from the United States Internal Revenue Service establishing payment of federal income taxes.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-303, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

( ) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the department may issue a driving safety document, pursuant to the provisions of § 55-50-331(k) and (l) and any other departmental rules and regulations promulgated by the department.

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-321, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

( ) Any applicant applying for a driving safety document, upon initial issuance, renewal and reinstatement, shall provide proof acceptable to the department relative to the applicant's identity, Tennessee residency, proof of financial responsibility as defined in § 55-12-102, proof of application for legal status, and payment of applicable income taxes.

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-322(a)(1)(A), as amended, is further amended by deleting the language "learner permit," and by substituting instead the language "learner permit, driving safety document,".

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-331, is amended by adding the following language as new subsections thereto:

(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department may issue a driving safety document to persons who are in the process of applying for legal status from the United States government and who establish payment of federal income taxes, if applicable. Such driving safety document shall be valid for one (1) year. Upon renewal, each applicant must establish proof of financial responsibility as defined in § 55-12-102. Such driving safety documents shall be available for application and issuance at a limited number of driver licensing stations as determined by the department by rule.

(l) The department of safety shall promulgate rules and regulations to develop a two-step process for the application and issuance of driving safety document. Such process shall require applicants to initially present proof of application for legal status and payment of taxes, if applicable, and complete applicable written and driving skills testing. Upon completion of all required testing and satisfactory proof meeting the

requirements of § 55-50-321, the department shall issue provisional documentation to allow the applicant to obtain automobile insurance. The department shall then issue a driving safety document to a provisional applicant who provides proof of financial responsibility as defined in § 55-12-102, and meets all other lawful requirements for issuance of such driving safety document.

(m) Any applicant applying for a driving safety document, upon initial issuance, renewal or reinstatement, shall meet the requirements of this chapter and any rules and regulations promulgated by the department.

SECTION \_\_. The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to set the fees charged for driving safety documents in an amount sufficient to provide that the issuance of such driving safety documents is revenue neutral to the department.

SECTION \_\_. The commissioner of safety is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.